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SUBJECT:ONR PARTICIPATION IN TOKYO SCIENCE CLUSTER

1. FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF LETTER DATED JULY 31,
1978 FROM ASST. NAVY SECRETARY (FOR RESEARCH, ENGINEERING
AND SYSTEMS) D.E. MANN TO ASST. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE:
"THIS IS IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF 30 JUNE 1978 THAT
DESCRIBES THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S CONCEPT OF A TOKYO-
BASED 'SCIENCE CLUSTER' IN WHICH THE OFFICE OF NAVAL
RESEARCH (ONR) TOKYO LIAISON OFFICE IS INVITED TO JOIN.
"THE MEETINGS HELD 2 AND 30 JUNE 1978 WITH REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER AGENCIES HAVING
SCIENTIFIC LIAISON INTERESTS IN TOKYO PROVED VERY HELPFUL
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IN CLARIFYING THE BASIS ON WHICH ONR MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO
PARTICIPATE. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO JOIN IN THE PROPOSED
'SCIENCE CLUSTER' ARRANGEMENT ON AN EXPLORATORY BASIS
UNDER THE DRAFT CHARTER CIRCULATED AT THE AFOREMENTIONED
MEETINGS AND REFERRED TO IN YOUR LETTER. I CONCUR IN
YOUR SUGGESTION THAT THE INITIAL SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A TEST PERIOD TO DETERMINE WHETHER

OR NOT THE EXPECTED ECONOMIES AND IMPROVED OPERATIONS ARE BEING REALIZED. AS YOU SUGGEST, THE ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE EVALUATED FOLLOWING THAT TRIAL PERIOD.

"WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE MEETINGS AFFORDED US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESCRIBE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ONR TOKYO OFFICE, AND TO PLACE IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY ATTACHES TO ITS OPERATIONS. DURING ITS SHORT EXISTENCE, THE ONR TOKYO OFFICE HAS MATURED INTO A VALUABLE LIAISON INSTRUMENT, NOT ONLY FOR THE NAVY BUT, MORE GENERALLY, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMUNITY.

"OUR ONR TOKYO OFFICE HAS ALWAYS MADE EARNEST EFFORTS TO COUPLE ITS WORK AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES OPERATING UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE EMBASSY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS CLOSE AND VALUABLE COOPERATION UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT." CHRISTOPHER

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